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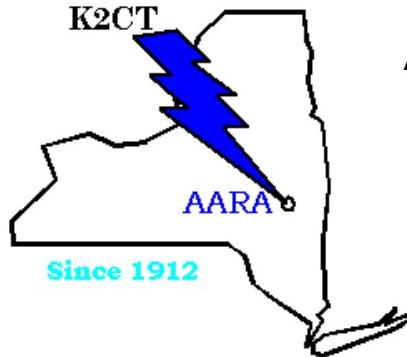
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AARA

Meets at the
Colonie Community Center
1653 Central Ave. Colonie

Friday March 9

Social Hour 6:55 PM
Meeting begins 7:47 PM

refreshments
soda, diet soda, coffee etc.

K2CT Repeater

Talk-in repeater

145.19 (-) MHz

pl tone 103.5Hz

or

444.30 (+) w/pl tone 100.0Hz

AARA Dues

Dues are \$15 with
B-PLUS available at the K2CT Web page in
.pdf format www.k2ct.net
OR \$20 for first class mailing of the
newsletter Checks should be made out to
AARA and sent to: Saul Abrams, K2XA,
307 Maple Rd., Slingerlands, NY 12159

MARCH Meeting

The March 9 meeting will feature a presentation by Bob Raffaele, W2XM, on "Using a Coaxial Stub to Shift Antenna-System Resonance."

This talk will be an explanation of how a piece of coax may be used as a pre-set antenna tuner.

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AARA Ham Radio Flea Market Auction
will be at the May meeting.

ATVET DATES

Albany Troy Volunteer Examiner Team

Exam Date	Day	Doors Open	Exam Time (Doors will Close)
March 10, 2007	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
April 14, 2006	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
June 27, 2007	Wednesday	6:20 PM	7:00 PM
October 13, 2007	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM
November 10, 2007	Saturday	9:20 AM	10:00 AM

ATVET LIAISON: Gerald Murray, atvet@n2ty.org or 518-482-8700 e-mail: atvet@n2ty.org

AARA DXCC TOTALS

CALL	CURRENT	TOT AL	COUNTRIES NEEDED
K2XF	337	345	
K2EP	336	340	BS7, VU
K2XA	335	352	BS7, KH8
K2VV	333	354	
WA3AFS	333	341	BS7, P5, KH8
WK2H	332		4W, BS7, E4, P5
K2ONP	328	334	ZS8, FR/G, FR/J
W2GDJ	327		
K2BX	322	315	
N1JP	314	314	
WF2B	188	191	
NA2NA	186	188	

Their must more DXers out there. Please send me you totals.

k2ep@arrl.net , &73 Ernie K2EP

FOR SALE: **Cushcraft A627013S 6 Meter/2 Meter/70 CM Triband Antenna.** 5 elements on 2M, 5 elements on 70 CM, 3 elements on 6M, and 0 elements on 160M. Requires 2 feedlines. Worked great in Iowa (was used for two years (in the clean clear air of the Midwest). Mostly assembled (the 3 6M elements are not attached.) Includes manual. Retails for \$299. **\$75.00** you pick-up Local pickup in the thriving megropolis of New Salem, NY. (Suburb of Voorheesville) Contact, Bruce, WA3AFS 518 765-2893

** ATTENTION AARA CONTESTERS!!!

2007 CQ 160-METER CW CONTEST RESULTS

STATION	CATEGORY	MULTS QSOs	CLAIMED SCORE
K2ONP	SO (H)	520	77 107,107
N1EU	M/S	242	49 31,605
K2XA	SO (H)	193	54 30,618
WA3AFS	SO (H)	52	51 16,116
W2GDJ	SO (H)	70	40 7,200
WA1KKM	SO (L)	70	19 2,660

If you were on for the ARRL International DX contest (either mode), send your call, entry category, mode, power level, number of QSOs, number of country multipliers, and claimed score to us at:
sue.walt@verizon.net

73, Walt, WA1KKM and Sue, N2LBR
See you in the pileups!

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Dinner this year will cost \$31.00 per person. Choices for dinner are:

**Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Parmesan
Sea Bass**

Our guest speaker will be Chief Steve Heider, Town of Colonie Police Dept.

Send Check to: Frederick E. Fitte,
14 Spartan Drive
Valatie, New York 12184

May

AARA Ham Radio Flea Market Auction
will be at the May meeting.

Annual AARA Dinner 2007

The AARA Dinner is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2007 at 7:00 PM at the Shaker Ridge Country Club, with cash bar opening at 6:00 PM. All area clubs are cordially invited to attend.

Dinner this year will cost \$31.00 per person. Choices for dinner are:

**Prime Rib of Beef
Chicken Parmesan
Sea Bass**

**Our guest speaker will be
Chief Steve Heider,
Town of Colonie Police Department.**

Please let Fred Fitte, WA2MMX know your meal choice as soon as possible and please pay by check made out to AARA and sent to Fred at the following address:

Frederick E. Fitte, WA2MMX
14 Spartan Drive
Valatie, New York 12184

You can also reach Fred at 518-784-3861

Additionally, many AARA club members gather for coffee and bagels on Sunday mornings around 8:30 AM at Panera Bread on Rt. 4 in North Greenbush, right next to Wal-Mart. Please feel free to join us. We listen on K2CT, 145.19 -600 (103.5 CTCSS)

Best Regards and 73's,

Frederick E. Fitte – WA2MMX
Vice President

WANTED: Ten-Tec model 252 power supply
contact Lee, W2FYA 436-1296

AARA DINNER APRIL 13, 2007

**AARA Ham Radio Flea Market Auction
will be at the May 11th meeting**

WRC-07 CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETING UNDER WAY IN GENEVA

The ARRL Letter Vol. 26, No. 08 Feb. 23, 2007

Some 800 delegates representing 97 countries are attending the second session of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM-07) in Geneva. A major step along the way to World Radiocommunication Conference 2007 (WRC-07), CPM-07 convened February 19 and will continue until March 2. Representing Amateur Radio are International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)

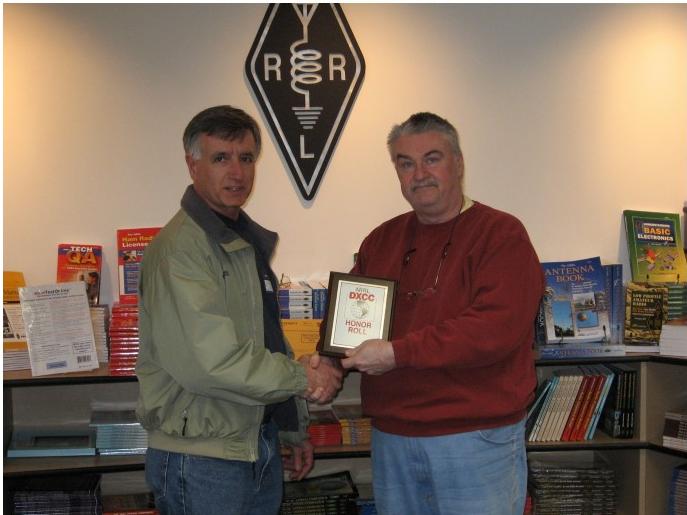
<<http://www.iaru.org>> President Larry Price, W4RA, and Technical Representative Ken Pulfer, VE3PU. Other Amateur Radio representatives are part of national delegations. CPM-07 will finalize the technical report that will guide the work of delegates attending WRC-07 October 22 through November 1. Drafting the CPM Report has occupied several ITU-R working parties for the past three years. No final decisions will be made at the CPM.

CPM-07 addresses 27 separate agenda items with a view to formulating the technical, operational and regulatory information on which WRC-07 will base its decisions. The resulting CPM Report provides background information on each WRC-07 agenda item, various methods of addressing the agenda items and the advantages and disadvantages of each. The first session of the Preparatory meeting, held immediately following WRC-03, organized the necessary conference preparatory studies for WRC-07. Most study groups wrapped up their work last fall.

WRC-07 agenda items of interest to Amateur Radio involve allocations in the 4-10 MHz range, a possible secondary allocation to the amateur service at 136 kHz, the modification of footnotes to the Table of Frequency Allocations, and the selection of agenda items for future WRCs.

WRC-07 agenda item 1.13 will review allocations to all services between 4 and 10 MHz, excluding allocations from 7.0 to 7.2 MHz, which were settled to the advantage of Amateur Radio during WRC-03. Starting in March 2009, radio amateurs will enjoy a worldwide 200 kHz segment on 40 meters.

WRC-07 agenda item 1.15 will consider establishing a secondary Amateur Radio Service allocation in the band 135.7 to 137.8 kHz. While CPM Report text describing a method to provide this allocation appeared to be finalized by February 22, it's no guarantee that WRC-07 will actually make the LF allocation.



AARA's newest honor roll member.

Bill Moore (NC1L) head of the DXCC desk presents Dave Jones (W2GDJ) with his Honor Roll plaque. To earn this award, you must work and have confirmed 328 of the 337 current DXCC countries. Not an easy feat. Nice going Dave!

AARA's Honor Roll Members:

K2XF K2EP K2XA K2ONP WA3AFS WK2H
K2VV W2GDJ

Revised ARRL Band Chart available

A new ARRL band chart reflecting all recent changes to the FCC Amateur Radio Service rules as of February 23, 2007, now is available for downloading on the ARRL Web site in either black and white or color versions <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html>>. Created by ARRL Senior Technical Illustrator, Dave Pingree, N1NAS, the attractive new chart represents a major change from earlier designs. This is the same chart featured in the eight-page "Welcome" tear-out section in March QST (following page 48). The entire QST tearout also is available for downloading in PDF format <<http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welome.pdf>>.

W2QSL Bureau Rate Increase

The W2 QSL Bureau, run by the North Jersey DX Association, will be increasing its subscriber rates. Effective April 1st the minimum credit purchase will be ten postage credits for \$6.00. The bureau has kept rates flat for several years absorbing four postage rate increases by cutting expenses and streamlining its operations as much as possible. Based upon news of more postage increases due this spring the Bureau felt it could no longer absorb rate increases without a change. In spite of the increase using the bureau option is still the best dollar value around as evidenced by the amount of QSL cards still handled. More information can be found on the NJDXA webpage: www.njdx.org. It also lists meeting and program dates as well as other DX news and links.

Thanks W2UDT for the info....

OSCAR Orbital Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio
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Pehuensat-1 gets designation: AMSAT OSCAR Coordinator Bill Tynan, W3XO, has announced that AMSAT has issued an OSCAR number to Argentina's Penuensat-1 satellite. It will be known as Pehuensat-OSCAR-63, or PO-63. The second Argentine Amateur Radio satellite, Pehuensat-1 is in a 635 to 640 km sun-synchronous polar orbit (97.92 degree inclination). It was launched January 10 from India. Pehuensat-1 will transmit voice messages in three languages -- English, Hindi and Spanish -- on 145.825 MHz followed by AX.25 1200 bps packet. Named after the native Patagonian Pehuen tree, Pehuensat-1 was developed by the Argentina School of Engineering at the National University of Comahue, the Argentina Association for Technology and Space and AMSAT-LU. More information is on the AMSAT-LU Web site <<http://www.amsat.org.ar/>>. Reception reports are welcome <<http://www.amsat.org.ar/?f=z>>.

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